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SUBJECT: CULCON VIII SYMPOSIUM

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1. TENNY AND MCDONALD MET WEDNESDAY WITH INTERNATIONAL HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES YOICHI MAEDA AND MIKIO KATO TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS ON SYMPOSIUM. AS DEPARTMENT PROBABLY AWARE I-HOUSE HAS AGREED TO PLAY RECRUITING ROLE FOR MODERATORS AND WORKING GROUPS.

2. LEARNED THAT FOLLOWING FOUR PERSONS HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT MODERATOR ROLES, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT SYMPOSIUM, FOR WORKING GROUPS:

TOPIC 1. HIDETOSHI KATO- PROFESSOR SOCIOLOGY,
GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY

TOPIC 2. FUMIHIKO MAKI - ARCHITECT

TOPIC 3. MASUMI TSUDA - PROFESSOR COMPARATIVE
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, HITOSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

TOPIC 4. SHUJI TAKASHINA - ASST PROFESSOR HISTORY OF ART,
TOKYO UNIVERSITY

3. MAEDA ALSO STATED THAT EACH MODERATOR WOULD SELECT MEMBERS OF HIS OWN WORKING GROUP, WITH EMPHASIS ON YOUNGER PERSONS BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALL UNDER FORTY.

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4. FOREIGN MINISTRY PREPARING TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO

ENABLE WORKING GROUPS TO HOLD MEETINGS, PREPARE
REPORTS, ETC.

5. MAEDA ALSO MENTIONED THAT JAPAN SIDE EXPRESSED
DESIRE TO CHANGE THEME OF SYMPOISUM SO AS TO CONFORM
MORE CLOSELY TO FOUR TOPICS. UNDERSTAND RUENITZ
COGNIZANT OF THIS AND WILL MAKE CHANGE.

6. COMMENT: ALL MODERATORS WELL INFORMED ON UNITED
STATES AND STRONGLY WESTERN ORIENTED WHICH MAY BE
APPROPRIATE FOR MODERATORS BUT PROBABLY NOT
DESIRABLE FOR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WHO, WE FEEL,
SHOULD BE LESS "WESTERNIZED." AS SPONSOR, JAPAN
SOCIETY MAY WISH TO CALL THIS TO ATTENTION OF
MODERATORS, VIA I-HOUSE.
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